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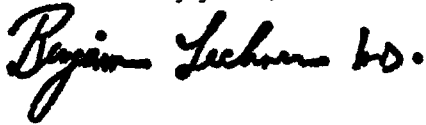
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RE: DOCKT #98N-1265

I am writing to express my very significant concern as a practicing physician with regard to the present format of the memorandum of understanding. I am concerned about compounding section 503A of the modernization act, which severely restricts the right of physicians and patients to obtain health care products from the provider of their choice. It is crucial that physicians have the ability to work with pharmacies outside of their general area if specialized services are needed. This present memorandum infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the medial needs of the general public. It is important that physicians be able to obtain custom compound products at their discretion. Please give this matter your urgent consideration.

Sincerely yours,

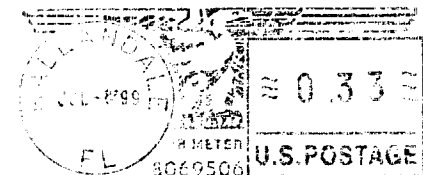


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